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### University of Chicago

The University of Chicago has awarded TSUEN-HSUIN TSIEN, Professor Emeritus in East Asian Languages and Civilizations, a Professional Achievement Citation. The citations recognize alumni who have achieved distinction in their careers and brought credit to the University through their vocational work.

Tsien, who received his master's degree in 1952 and Ph.D. in 1957 from the University of Chicago, has played a vital role in the early development of East Asian studies and libraries at the University and throughout the country. He has published numerous books and articles, including *Written on Bamboo and Silk: The Beginnings of Chinese Books and Inscriptions*, published by the Press in 1962 and considered a classic in Sinology and book history. As Curator Emeritus of the University's East Asian Library, Tsien was instrumental in its development as one of the nation's leading centers of East Asian literature. During World War II, he risked his life in the secret transfer of some 30,000 volumes of Chinese rare books to the U.S. Library of Congress for safekeeping and preservation. His 1985 book dealing with China's two great inventions, *Paper and Printing*, published by Cambridge University Press in the monumental series *Science and Civilization in China* has remained the best-selling volume in that series.

For both his scholarly and professional achievements, he has received many honors from both China and America, including Chicago's 1989 Senior Citizen's Hall of Fame Citation. Tsien has also received praise for his interest in promoting Chinese-American cultural relations, and his book on this subject is forthcoming. With Tsien's encouragement, six of his family members spanning three generations have gone in his footsteps and received degrees from the University.

(University of Chicago news release dated 20 June 1996)

### University of Pittsburgh and Family History Library

SACHIE NOGUCHI has relinquished her position as Treasurer of the Council on East Asian Libraries to devote herself to the chairmanship of the Committee on Japanese Materials. FRED BRADY will replace Sachie as Treasurer.

(Ken Klein)

### Harvard-Yenching Library

JOHN YUNG-HSIANG LAI, Associate Librarian of the Harvard-Yenching Library and head of the Cataloging Department, retired from the Library at the end of June of this year after twenty-four years of dedicated service.

Mr. Lai, formerly Professor and Chairman of the Department of Library Science at the National Taiwan University, holds an LL.B degree from Tokyo University and an M.A. in Library Science from George Peabody College. He is an authority on cataloging, and his classification scheme is widely used in Taiwan. He has made many contributions to the Library's cataloging program over the years, including the planning and publication of the 72-volume printed catalog of the Library's Chinese and Japanese collections in 1985-1986. He also guided the Library's transition from manual to on-line cataloging in 1989. He is

the compiler of *Catalog of Protestant Missionary Works in Chinese*, Harvard-Yenching Library, Harvard University (Boston : G. K. Hall, 1980) and the author of numerous articles on the history of Taiwan.

The Library is deeply indebted to him for his long and outstanding service. We wish him a production retirement.

*(Harvard-Yenching Library occasional reference notes, no. 32 (July 1996))*

#### Ohio State University

GUO-QING LI has been appointed Chinese Studies Librarian at the Ohio State University Libraries beginning 1 August 1996. Mr. Li comes to Ohio State from Smathers Library, University of Florida, Gainesville where he had served as Chinese Collection Manager/East Asian Cataloger from September 1994 to June 1995 and East Asian Librarian from July 1995 to the present. Prior to that he was Chinese Copy Cataloger at Indiana University for the period August 1992 to August 1994.

Guo-qing Li holds and MLS and an M.A. in Chinese Studies, both from Indiana University. His B.A. in Chinese Language and Literature is from Beijing University. He is a member of the Council on East Asian Libraries, the American Library Association, and the Chinese-American Librarians Association.

*(Maureen H. Donovan by email dated 18 July 1996)*